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Trail Restrictions Related to Tharps Prescribed Fire are Lifted

June 26, 2004 fire crews ignited approximately 50 acres of the Tharps Prescribed Fire in the Giant Forest area of Sequoia National Park. The project proceeded according to plan. The consumption of ground fuels and small trees will reduce the risk of larger fires in the future and will stimulate new growth, especially of giant sequoias. Portions of the Trail of the Sequoias Loop had to be closed for public safety. All trail restrictions on the Trail of the Sequoias Loop have been lifted as of August 13, 2004 at 5:00PM.

New Lightning-Caused Fire

Over the past 24 hours there were more than 250 lightning strikes registered within the boundaries of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Today, the parks discovered two lightning-caused fires at very high elevations. In Sequoia NP there is a fire east of the Kern River across from Chagoopa Falls. Fire has been spotted in Kings Canyon NP the remote drainage of Dog Creek. Both of these fires show little to moderate potential to grow. Fire crews are continuing to monitor them.

For more information, please see previous press releases about the fire and fuels management program at www.nps.gov/seki. Click on “Current Fire Information” in the lower left corner.

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